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portions of the systematic account of the fishes are admirably illustrated and the accompanying charts of geographical distribution of families, etc., add much to the lucidity of the presentation. This volume is undoubtedly bound to rank high among its predecessors in this excellent series.

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**Essays on Transformism.** — Professor A. Giard<sup>1</sup> has collected and published in book form seven of his essays which appeared during the last twenty-five years and which all deal with evolutionary matters. The essays, which are in no essential respects changed from their original form, deal with the history of transformism, the embryology of ascidians and the origin of vertebrates, biology and taxonomy, the factors of evolution, Lamarck's principle and the heredity of somatic variations, convergence in pelagic forms, and animal symmetry; and afford a convenient collection for those interested in the evolutionary speculations of this well known French biologist.

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**Morphology and Anthropology.**<sup>2</sup> — The growth of anthropology particularly in its relations to morphology is well exemplified in the last number of the Cambridge Biological Series by Duckworth. The object of the volume is to set before the student a concise exposition of man's place in Nature as determined by natural history methods. The first part of the book deals with this question from the standpoint of comparative anatomy and describes in an abbreviated way the systems of organs in the mammals and especially in the primates, devoting particular attention to the crania and teeth. Then follows a condensed account of human embryology, after which anatomical variations are taken up. These fill the greater part of the volume, the last section of which deals with palæontological materials of importance to anthropology. The condensation of so much substance into so small a space often seriously interferes with an adequate treatment of the subject and one is often led to suspect that the volume may be found more acceptable to the student who is cramming for an examination than to the one who is seriously engaged in a real study of anthropology; nor does the preface sug-

<sup>1</sup> Giard, A. *Controverses Transformistes*. C. Naud, Paris. Svo, viii + 180 pp., 23 figs.

<sup>2</sup> Duckworth, W. L. H. *Morphology and Anthropology*. Cambridge Biological Series, Macmillan & Co., 1904. Svo, xxviii + 564 pp., 333 figs., 5 charts.